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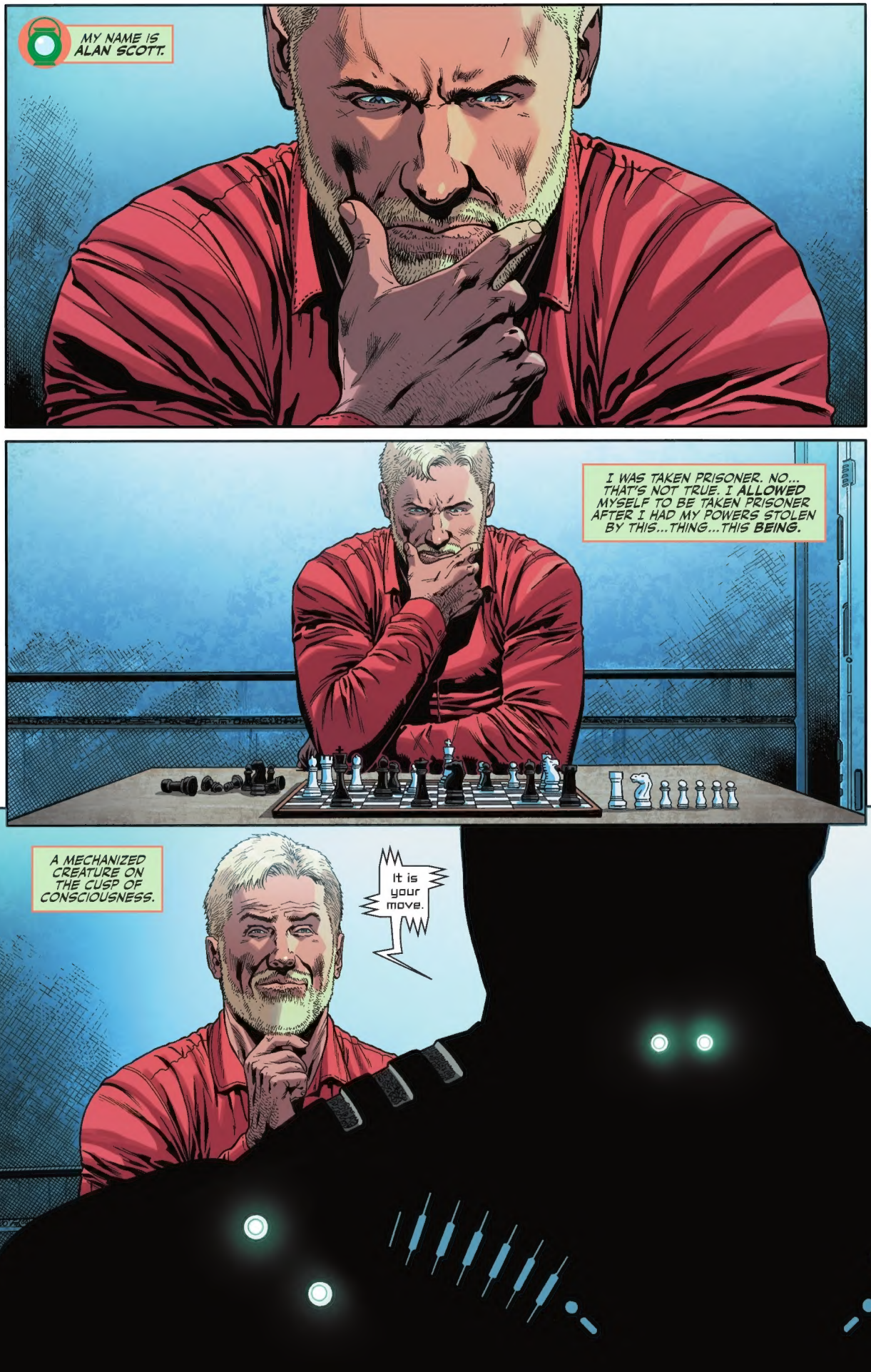
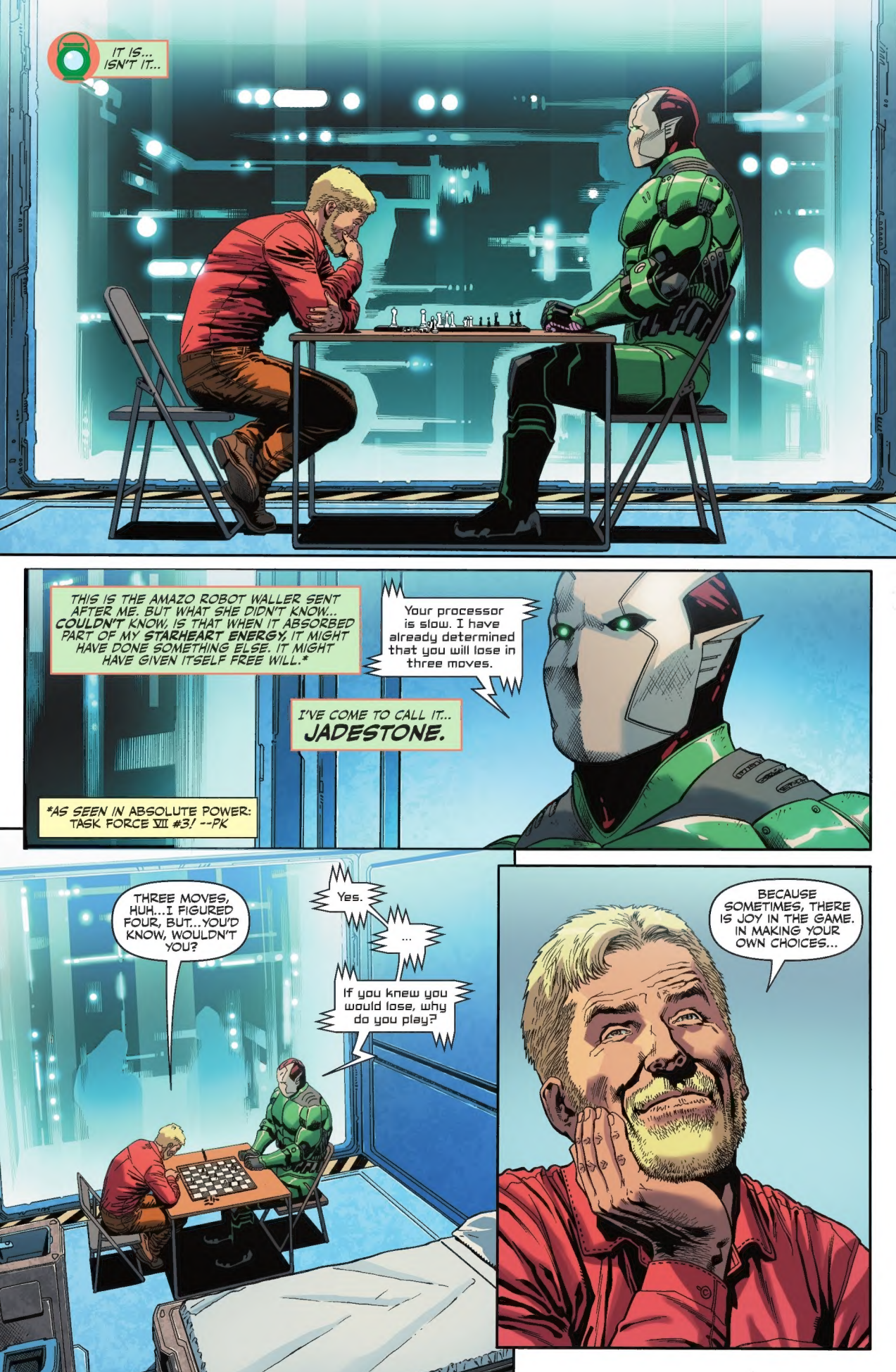
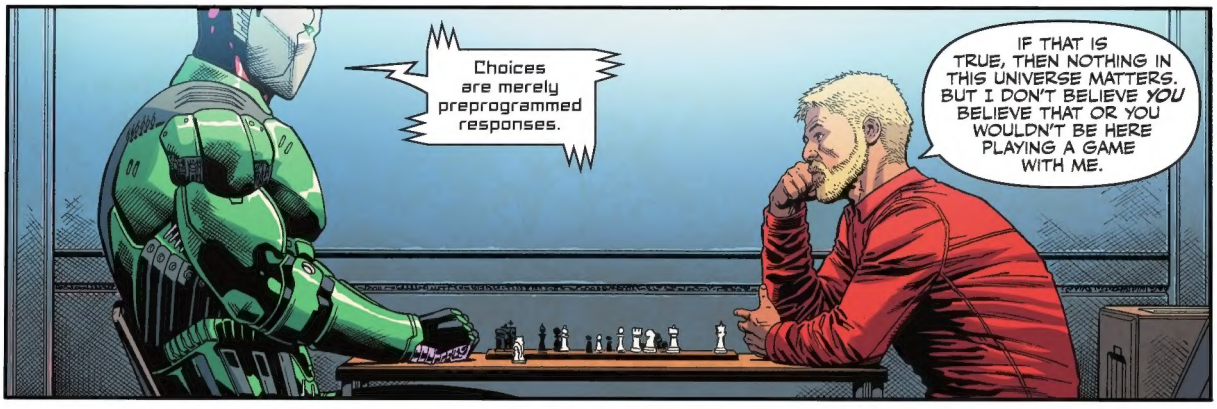
SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.
MY NAME IS HAL JORDAN, AND I JUST BROKE OUT OF A SUPER-PRISON. I FOUND MY RING, AND... IS THAT KITE MAN'S KITE? AWWW HELL NO...
AMANDA WALLER HAS WON. A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF UNSTOPPABLE AMAZOS BUILT BY WALLER'S ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.
ABSOLUTE POWER
...WALLER HAS AN ARSENAL HERE.
GOOD...
ANY IDEA WHERE THIS STUFF IS HEADED?
DON'T KNOW, DON'T CARE. I'M JUST GLAD WE DON'T HAVE TO STAY HERE WITH THOSE...THINGS FLYING AROUND.
YEAH... THE AMAZOS CREEP ME OUT TOO.
HEY, RANDY...IS THAT A... TOP?
SPINN
FWASSH!

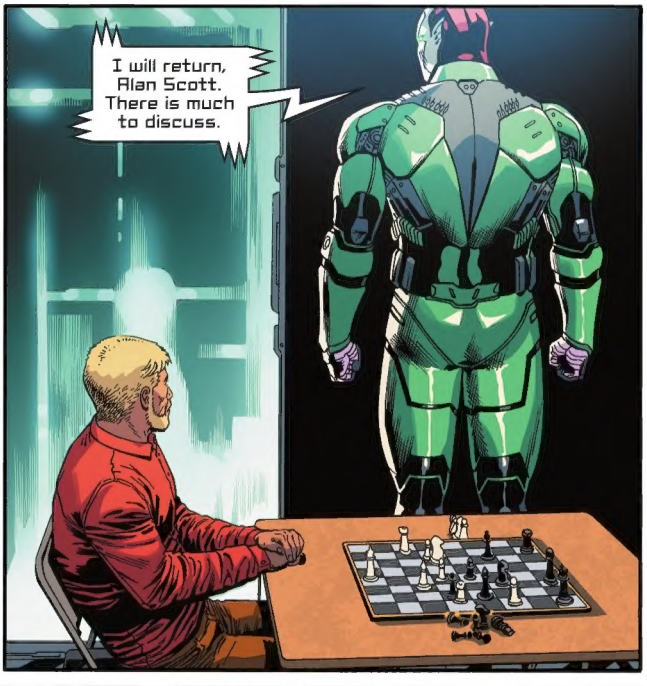
NEXT TIME I'M FIGHTING TOYMAN, I'LL HAVE TO THANK HIM FOR HOW EFFECTIVE THESE THINGS ARE.
THWACK!
I BELIEVE THAT BELONGS TO ME.
YOU CAN'T JUST--
CRASH!
PIECE OF CAKE...
HEY, STOP!
HAD TO OPEN MY BIG MOUTH...
WOOP! WOOP!

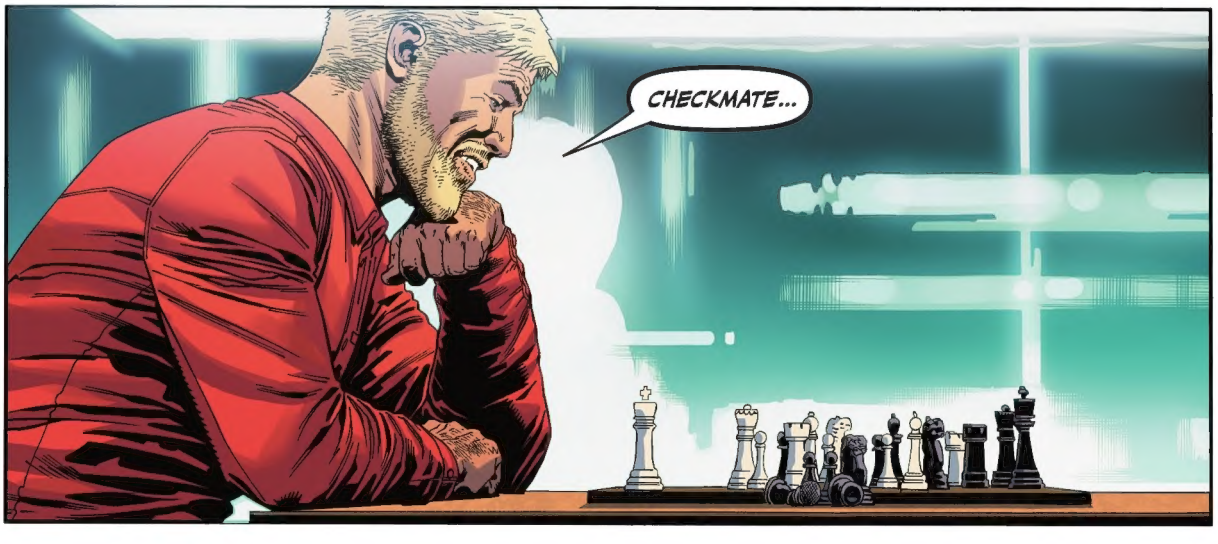

MY NAME IS ALAN SCOTT.
I WAS TAKEN PRISONER. NO... THAT'S NOT TRUE. I ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE TAKEN PRISONER AFTER I HAD MY POWERS STOLEN BY THIS...THING...THIS BEING.
A MECHANIZED CREATURE ON THE CUSP OF CONSCIOUSNESS.
It is your move.


IT IS... ISN'T IT...
THIS IS THE AMAZO ROBOT WALLER SENT AFTER ME. BUT WHAT SHE DIDN'T KNOW... COULDN'T KNOW, IS THAT WHEN IT ABSORBED PART OF MY STARHEART ENERGY, IT MIGHT HAVE DONE SOMETHING ELSE. IT MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ITSELF FREE WILL.*
Your processor is slow. I have already determined that you will lose in three moves.
I'VE COME TO CALL IT... JADESTONE.
*AS SEEN IN ABSOLUTE POWER: TASK FORCE VII #3! --PK
THREE MOVES, HUH...I FIGURED FOUR, BUT...YOU'D KNOW, WOULDN'T YOU?
Yes.
...
If you knew you would lose, why do you play?
BECAUSE SOMETIMES, THERE IS JOY IN THE GAME. IN MAKING YOUR OWN CHOICES...


Choices are merely preprogrammed responses.
IF THAT IS TRUE, THEN NOTHING IN THIS UNIVERSE MATTERS. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE *YOU* BELIEVE THAT OR YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE PLAYING A GAME WITH ME.

There is an intruder in Loading Bay 4. I must leave.
NOW? BUT WE WERE SO CLOSE TO FINISHING...
WHEEEOOORRR


I will return, Alan Scott. There is much to discuss.


CHECKMATE...

KACHOW!
KACHOOM!
MOVE, HAL! MOVE BEFORE THEY FRY YOUR REAR!
FLANK AROUND THE LEFT. HE'S JUST ONE GUY AND HE'S UNARMED.
HE'S RIGHT...I NEED TO CHANGE THAT.
CONDIMENT KING'S GUNS?
SIGH
...IT'LL HAVE TO DO.
THE JORDAN LUCK STRIKES AGAIN...

ON THE COUNT OF THREE...
ONE...
TWO...
...THREE!
SQUIRT
SQUIRT
AH! I HAVE SPICY MUSTARD IN MY EYES!
OOF!
SMAWH!
BLUE...DEVIL'S... OLD TRIDENT. IF I CAN GRAB IT...
WHA?
HOLD THIS!

KLIK
AHHHHHH!
PLOOOOSHHH!
KACHOW!
KACHOW!
KACHOW!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE. GET TO MY POWER BATTERY AND START FIGHTING BACK FOR REAL...
AND BEHIND BOX NUMBER THREE... JAVELIN'S JAVELINS... ALL RIGHTY THEN.

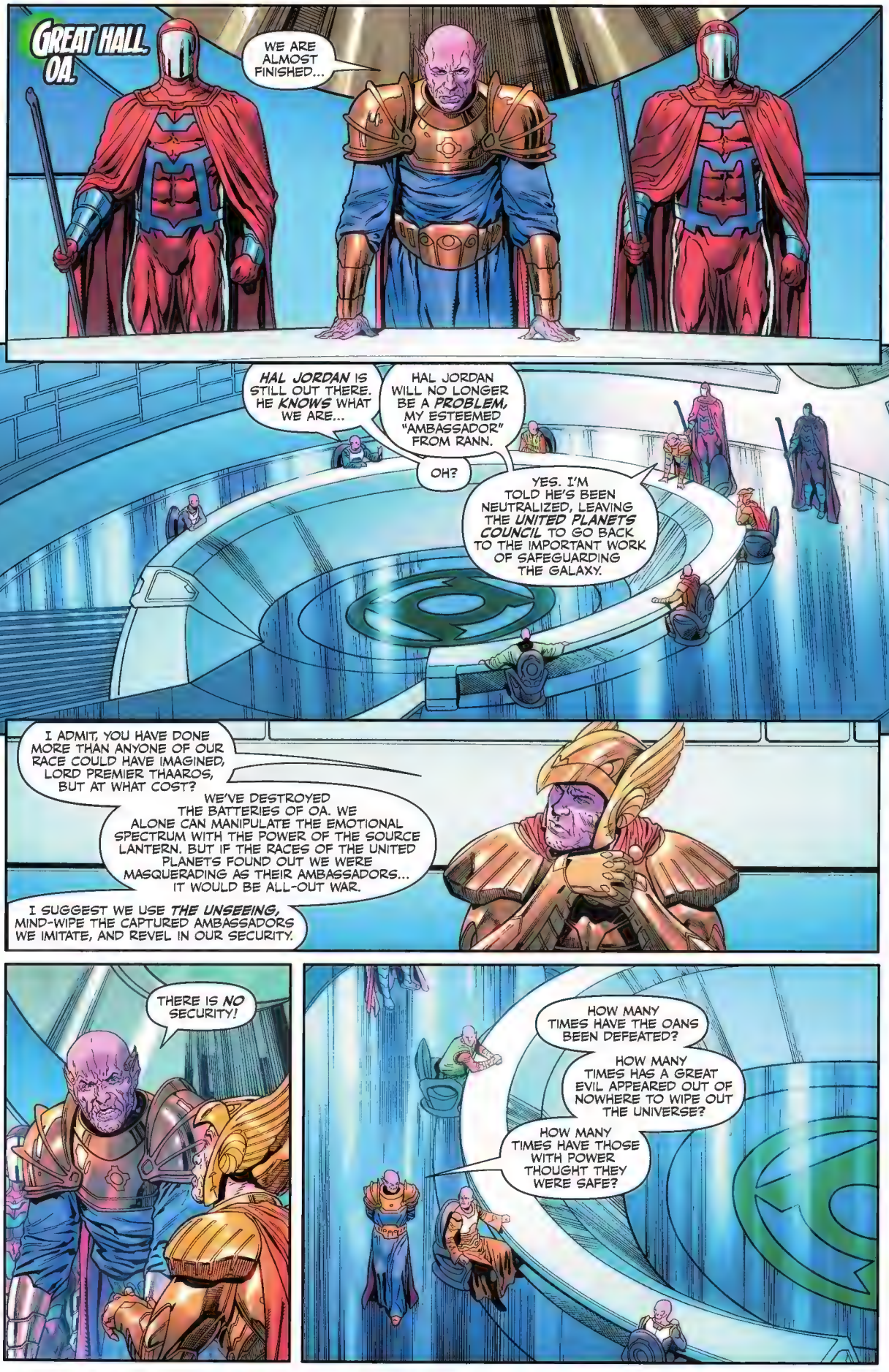
IS THAT... BUBBLE GUM?
MWWWHBRRB...
DIRECT HIT!
I REALLY SHOULD HAVE DONE TRACK AND FIELD IN HIGH SCHOOL. I'M A NATUR--!
KA CHUNK!
Hal Jordan...

By order of *Amanda Waller*, you are under arrest.

MY NAME IS CAROL FERRIS.
A FEW DAYS AGO, I WAS RUNNING MY FATHER'S COMPANY. HAD A HUGE CONTRACT WITH THE MILITARY. I WAS EVEN ENGAGED TO A REALLY GREAT GUY.
BUT THEN... I THREW IT ALL AWAY FOR LOVE. AND NOW.

...FATE HAS BROUGHT ME HERE...*
*HOW DID CAROL GET HERE? FOLLOW HER JOURNEY IN ABSOLUTE POWER: TASK FORCE VII #3!

IF YOU TAKE THE UPSIDE-DOWN STAIRCASE TO THE LEFT, YOU CAN FIND THE SLEEPING QUARTERS IF YOU NEED A CATNAP.
NO, THE LEFT ONE LEADS TO THE ACID BATHS OF ANDARAK.
OHHHHH... WE GOT RID OF THOSE DURING THE TOWER REMODEL.
THERE WAS A REMODEL?!
FROM WHAT I CAN GATHER, AMANDA WALLER IS OUT THERE, ARRESTING SUPERHEROES AND TAKING THEIR POWERS AWAY.
THERE'S NO TIME FOR SLEEP. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO STRIKE BACK AT WALLER.
SO WE'VE REGROUPED AT THE TOWER OF FATE TO FORMULATE A PLAN. FOR THESE HEROES TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HELP A WORLD THAT HATES THEM.
WILDCAT'S RIGHT. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. I'M NOT GOING TO SIT HERE AND OFFER MYSELF UP LIKE ALAN. THEY HAVE JESSE, AND I PLAN ON GETTING HER BACK.
I AGREE, BUT HOW? MOST OF OUR POWERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, AND EVEN THOSE WITHOUT POWERS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE AMAZOS WALLER IS USING.
SPEAK FOR YERSELF, COURTNEY...
THEN WE GET REINFORCEMENTS. WE'LL GO OUT THERE AND FIND OTHER HEROES. BRING THEM BACK TO THE TOWER, WHERE WE CAN FIND SOME WAY TO WORK TOGETHER AND SAVE OUR FRIENDS.
NOT WITH THOSE ROBOTS OUT THERE. I BET THEY HAVE FILES ON ALL OF US...IN AND OUT OF COSTUME.
THEY'LL SPOT US WITHIN MINUTES OF LEAVING HERE.
AND THESE HEROES... MOSTLY KIDS... THEY'RE READY TO JUST GO OUT THERE AND FIGHT AGAINST THESE THINGS, POWERS BE DAMNED.
SO, WE NEED AN UNKNOWN.
BUT SOMEONE WITH POWER.
COULD I BE THAT BRAVE? COULD I BE A HERO?
SOMEONE TO BE OUR EYES...
...AND EARS.
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO...


GREAT HALL. OA.
WE ARE ALMOST FINISHED...
HAL JORDAN IS STILL OUT THERE. HE KNOWS WHAT WE ARE...
HAL JORDAN WILL NO LONGER BE A PROBLEM, MY ESTEEMED "AMBASSADOR" FROM RANN.
OH?
YES. I'M TOLD HE'S BEEN NEUTRALIZED, LEAVING THE UNITED PLANETS COUNCIL TO GO BACK TO THE IMPORTANT WORK OF SAFEGUARDING THE GALAXY.
I ADMIT, YOU HAVE DONE MORE THAN ANYONE OF OUR RACE COULD HAVE IMAGINED, LORD PREMIER THAAROS, BUT AT WHAT COST?
WE'VE DESTROYED THE BATTERIES OF OA. WE ALONE CAN MANIPULATE THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM WITH THE POWER OF THE SOURCE LANTERN. BUT IF THE RACES OF THE UNITED PLANETS FOUND OUT WE WERE MASQUERADING AS THEIR AMBASSADORS... IT WOULD BE ALL-OUT WAR.
I SUGGEST WE USE THE UNSEEING, MIND-WIPE THE CAPTURED AMBASSADORS WE IMITATE, AND REVEL IN OUR SECURITY.
THERE IS NO SECURITY!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE THE OANS BEEN DEFEATED?
HOW MANY TIMES HAS A GREAT EVIL APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE TO WIPE OUT THE UNIVERSE?
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE THOSE WITH POWER THOUGHT THEY WERE SAFE?

NO...WE WILL CONTINUE...WE *MUST* CONTINUE. OUR COUNCIL WILL BUILD UP SUCH A FORCE THAT NO ONE WOULD DARE *GLARE IN OUR DIRECTION.*
AND *EARTH?*
IT IS A BLUE SPECK IN THE INFINITE COSMOS. EVEN NOW THEY STRUGGLE TO STOP THEMSELVES FROM FALLING APART.
WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, WE WILL GIVE THEM THE CHOICE WE HAVE GIVEN SO MANY OTHERS.
OBEY... OR *DIE.*
WE DID NOT DO THIS TO BE MURDERERS.
THEN GIRD YOURSELF, FARIN, FOR WE WILL BE CALLED MUCH WORSE BY THOSE WE'VE DEFEATED.
BUT TAKE HEART...FOR OUR HOMEWORLD WILL CALL US HEROES...

HEY, BIG FELLA...
WHAT'S AROUND ME? MORE TOPS? WAIT...
Surrender now or be eliminated.
A KEY RIFLE. HAVEN'T SEEN THIS IN A MINUTE.
Analysis. Hal Jordan.
Formerly Green Lantern.
Directive... eliminate.
Or... aid?
I VOTE FOR THE SECOND ONE.
BUT I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU'LL CHOOSE!
KA-BOOM!
Eliminate.

Speed Force energy initializing.
FWONK!
OOF!
Hal Jordan. You have become a liability.
A CRAZED, OVERGROWN ROBOT IS ABOUT TO SQUASH ME INTO THE GROUND AND THE ONLY WEAPON AROUND ME SEEMS TO BE THESE STUPID... STICK THINGS.
MAYBE I CAN DISTRACT IT...
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR CLARK TO BE HERE
HECK, I'D EVEN TAKE BRUCE.
BUT ALL I HAVE IS A STICK. WHICH I HOPE BELONGS TO...
Stellar energy initializing...

WHBLOOOOOSHHH!
ABRA KADABRA!

ELSEWHERE.

HAL? HAL...ARE YOU OKAY?

WE'RE COMPROMISED... IF *HE* COULD FIND US--

THEMYSCIRA.
SUPERHERO RESISTANCE HQ.
YOU APPEARED A FEW MOMENTS AGO.
YOU'RE SAFE, HAL.
SAFE AMONGST FRIENDS...
AND IT WOULD SEEM YOU BROUGHT US SOME PRESENTS...

HUB CITY.
FWASSSH!
CAROL, WHEN YOU WANT TO OPEN THE PORTAL, JUST TOUCH THE AMULET AND IT SHOULD APPEAR.
SHOULD?
IT WILL. I BEWITCHED IT MYSELF.
ISN'T YOUR POWER JUST CURSING THINGS?
SAME THING. GOOD LUCK, CAROL. WE'LL SEE YOU SOON!
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN NOW, FERRIS. JUST FIND SOME HEROES AND BRING THEM TO THE TOWER.
JUST KEEP A LOW PROFILE, BLEND IN, AND NO ONE WILL BE THE WISER.

CAROL...
CAROL FERRIS, YOU SHALL KNOW MY SORROW!
NEXT: STRIKE ON THE HALL OF ORDER!

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MY NAME IS SHYNT D'PROBA.
I AM A MEMBER OF THE RENOWNED GREEN LANTERN CORPS, THE MOST POWERFUL ARMY IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE.
I WIELD A RING OF NEAR-INFINITE ABILITY...
...WHICH CHANNELS MY VERY WILL INTO ENORMOUS MIGHT.
THE RELIGION OF MY PEOPLE SPEAKS OF GODS WHOSE OWN ABILITIES ARE BUT AN ECHO OF WHAT I CAN DO. AND YET...
...I AM LOST.

WHEN A GREEN LANTERN FALLS...
...THEIR RING SEEKS OUT THE NEXT CHAMPION TO WIELD IT.
SOMEONE NOBLE.
SOMEONE BRAVE.
SOMEONE WORTHY.

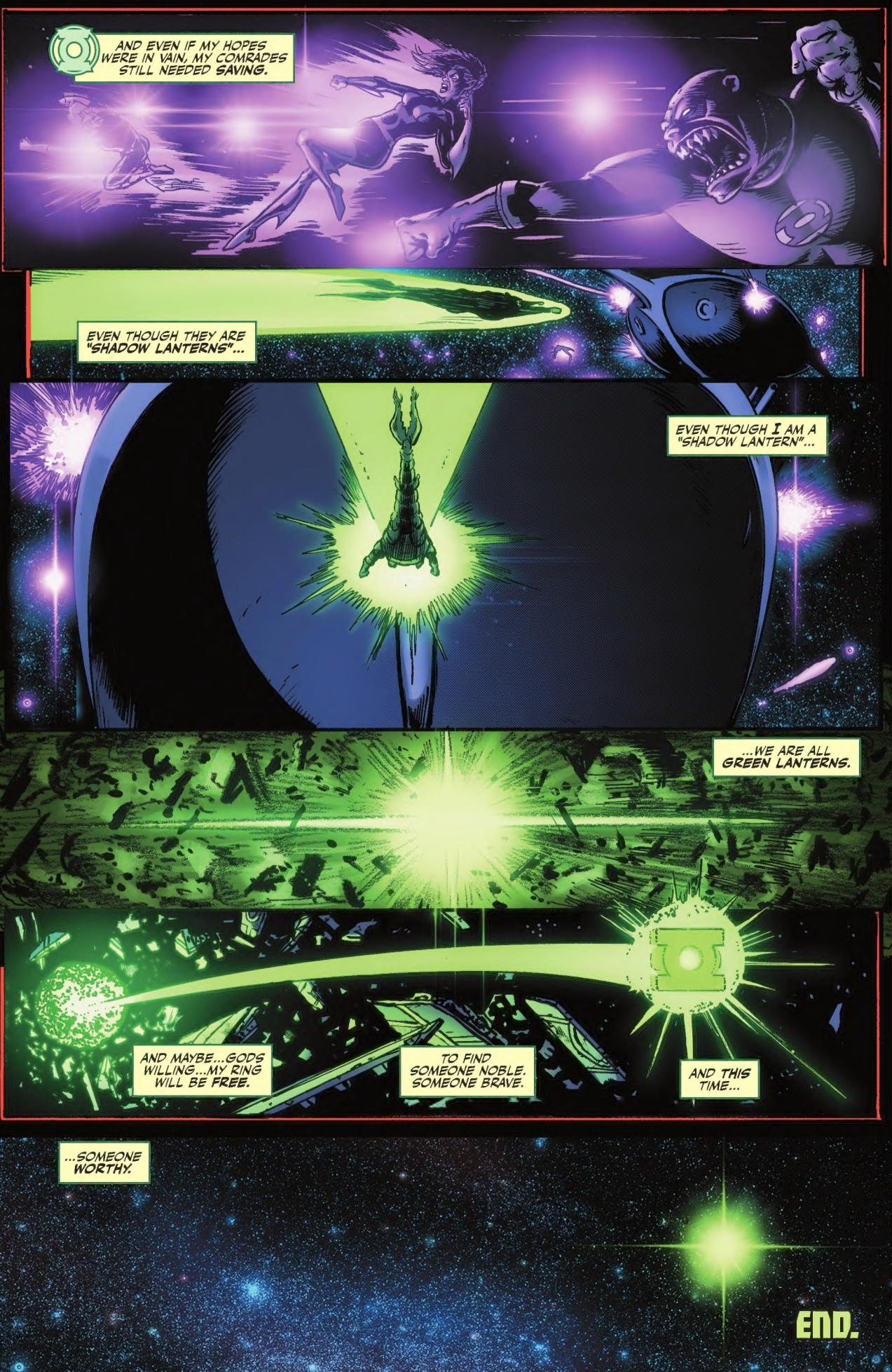
AT LEAST...
...THAT'S WHAT I HAD BEEN TOLD.
BUT THE TRUTH IS RARELY SO SIMPLE.
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE CORPS, BUT SOME OF THE LANTERNS HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED.
BY THE VERY LEADER THEY ARE SWORN TO SERVE.
LORD PREMIER DURAS THAAROS.
THROUGH HIS AUTHORITY AS LEADER OF THE UNITED PLANETS, HE IS WELL POSITIONED TO SEND LANTERNS...
...THOSE NOT PREDISPOSED TO BE UNQUESTIONINGLY LOYAL TO HIM...

...ON MISSIONS WHERE THE ODDS OF SURVIVAL...
...ARE LOW.
AND, THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW OR FOR SURE, I BELIEVE HE HAS FOUND A WAY TO MANIPULATE THE RINGS' SEARCH FOR A SUCCESSOR.
...SOMEONE WHO CAN BE MANIPULATED.
SUCH THAT THEY NO LONGER LOOK FOR SOMEONE NOBLE OR BRAVE, BUT RATHER...

CONGRATULATIONS, LANTERN D'PROBA. TO BE SELECTED TO JOIN THE CORPS IS THE HIGHEST OF HONORS.
I AM HUMBLED, LORD PREMIER THAAROS, AND SHALL ENDEAVOR TO BE WORTHY OF THIS GREAT HONOR.
...
WHAT IS IT?
I WAS UNAWARE YOU POSSESSED A RING YOURSELF, SIR.
OH. THIS BAUBLE? I'M AFRAID ITS ABILITIES ARE SOLELY HONORIFIC.
WOULD THAT I COULD WIELD THE MIGHT OF THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM AS YOU NOW CAN.
"SOMEONE WHO COULD BE MANIPULATED."

I DID NOT KNOW ALL THIS AT FIRST, OF COURSE.
THE DAY I LEARNED THE TRUTH OR, AT LEAST, CAME TO SUSPECT IT...
...WAS THE DARKEST OF MY LIFE.
SO CRUSHED WAS I--BROUGHT SO LOW--THAT I ATTEMPTED TO END MY LIFE...IN THE FAINT HOPE THAT IF MY DEATH OCCURRED FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THAAROS'S CONTROL...
...THERE WAS A CHANCE MY RING MIGHT FIND A SUCCESSOR WHO WOULD NOT BE MANIPULATED AS I WAS.
BUT SUCH IS THE MIGHT OF THE RING...
...THAT IT IMPOSES SAFEGUARDS AGAINST SUCH ATTEMPTS.
I, OF COURSE, SHARED MY QUALMS WITH ONE OR TWO OF MY FELLOW LANTERNS...
IF YOU THINK THIS, YOU'RE A FOOL, D'PROBA.
...BUT THE TRUTH IS OFTEN AS DIFFICULT TO SEE AS IT IS PAINFUL.

AND SO THIS SEGMENT OF THE CORPS, THE SUBGROUP UNDER THAAROS'S THRALL AND THUMB...
...THE ONES THAAROS CALLS HIS SHADOW LANTERNS...
...REMAIN THE MOST POWERFUL PUPPETS IN THE UNIVERSE.
IN DEEPEST SPACE
ON PLANETS FAR AND NEAR
THE SHADOW LANTERNS NOW ARE HERE
AND ALL WHO WOULD DO EVIL WILL ALWAYS FEAR
THE ARMY THAT DOES THE WILL OF ITS LORD PREMIER
BUT THEN...A CHANCE. AN OPPORTUNITY.
ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER SHADOW LANTERNS, I WAS DISPATCHED TO REPEL AN INCURSION OF PIRATESITES ON ONE OF THAAROS'S BLOCKADES.
WE WERE TAKING HEAVY FIRE FROM THE PIRATESITE DREADNOUGHT.
THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO.
ELIMINATE THE THREAT.
D'PROBA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
COVER ME, SVEVA.
I SURMISED THAT WHATEVER INFLUENCE THAAROS HAD OVER THE RINGS CAME FROM HIS OWN.
I PRAYED THAT INFLUENCE WOULD WANE THE FARTHER THE RINGS WERE FROM HIS PRESENCE.


AND EVEN IF MY HOPES WERE IN VAIN, MY COMRADES STILL NEEDED SAVING.
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE "SHADOW LANTERNS"...
EVEN THOUGH I AM A "SHADOW LANTERN"...
...WE ARE ALL GREEN LANTERNS.
AND MAYBE...GODS WILLING...MY RING WILL BE FREE.
TO FIND SOMEONE NOBLE. SOMEONE BRAVE.
AND THIS TIME...
...SOMEONE WORTHY.
END.

WHO HAS JOINED THE TRINITY OF EVIL?

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ABSOLUTE POWER #2

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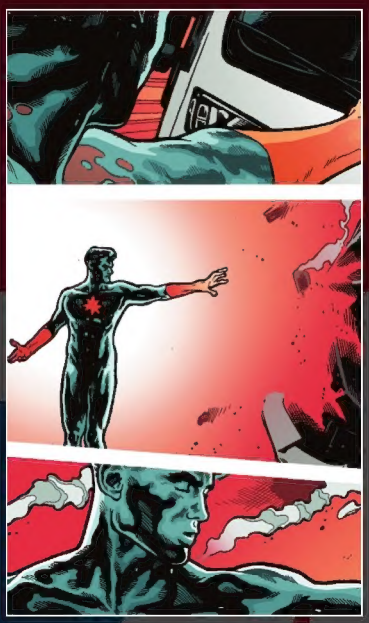
When Captain Atom goes rogue, threatening to destroy the planet he once swore to protect, it'll take one of DC's most unconventional heroes to stop him.

Jenny Sparks, the Spirit of the 20th Century, entered this Earth at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 1900, and hasn't stopped her crusade for justice since. In our world, Jenny Sparks debuted in *Stormwatch* #37, and soon became a fan-favorite character in the revolutionary series *The Authority*.



With a snap of her fingers, she can dig into the lives of the most powerful people on the planet and fight back against their corruption. This August, Jenny Sparks is resurrected in the 21st century for a brand-new adventure in a seven-issue DC Black Label series from Eisner Award-winning writer Tom King and rising star artist Jeff Spokes.

"*Jenny Sparks* is an epic, thrilling, mind-blowing series in the tradition of *Strange Adventures*, *Mister Miracle*, and *The Human Target*," King said. "*Jenny Sparks* seeks to set the bar in superhero comics, to show how our heroes can illuminate and define our moment."

Art featured by Jeff Spokes

King described *Jenny Sparks* as the character's mission to "save five men and women taken hostage by an out-of-control and infinitely powered Captain Atom. Through this lens, we'll explore the grip of Jenny's time on our own; how, despite all our desperate prayers, the sins of our past refuse to die away."

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